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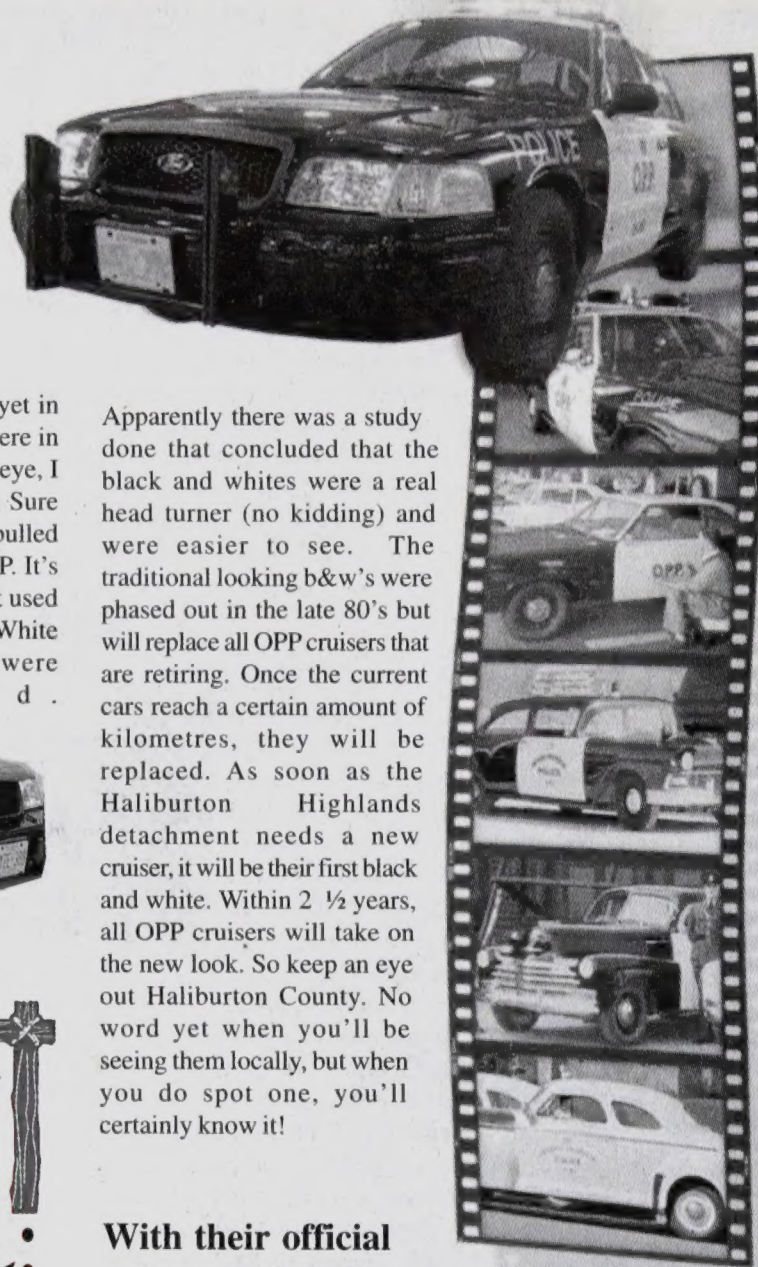
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The Return of the Black & Whites

Haliburton to get their black & whites soon... keep an eye out!!

The Black and Whites are in town man!! Well, not quite yet in Haliburton County, but they're coming soon enough. We were in Bracebridge over the weekend and out of the corner of my eye, I spotted what I believed to be a black and white police car. Sure enough that was exactly what I was seeing. We actually pulled him over to ask what was up. "It's the new look for the OPP. It's going back to the way it used to be. Black and White cars", we were told.



Apparently there was a study done that concluded that the black and whites were a real head turner (no kidding) and were easier to see. The traditional looking b&w's were phased out in the late 80's but will replace all OPP cruisers that are retiring. Once the current cars reach a certain amount of kilometres, they will be replaced. As soon as the Haliburton Highlands detachment needs a new cruiser, it will be their first black and white. Within 2 ½ years, all OPP cruisers will take on the new look. So keep an eye out Haliburton County. No word yet when you'll be seeing them locally, but when you do spot one, you'll certainly know it!

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The Haliburton Concert Series' mission is to bring professional performing artists to the Highlands at a reasonable cost. Since it's inception in 1979 they have presented dozens of notable performers. The HCS occasionally offers dance, drama, and theatre, along with the finest in music. A unique feature of the HCS concerts is the opportunity for concertgoers to meet with the performing artists after the concerts while enjoying complimentary refreshments provided by the organizing committee. Just another reason to attend the shows!



David

Now about the artists that are coming to the shows: Pianist David Jalbert is one of the finest firebrand talents of the new generation. With his personal style, incomparable stage presence and refined ear, he has convinced audiences and critics everywhere in North America. He has been a guest soloist with many great orchestras, such as the Montreal, Vancouver, and Toronto Symphonies, the National Arts Centre and CBC Radio.

Guy Few is a pianist, trumpeter, cornist, and singer and delights audiences with his intensity and charm. Montreal's Le Devoir calls him "outrageously gifted" and "quite simply phenomenal". He is in high demand as a soloist, performing with many orchestras in Canada and the USA.



Guy

Romanza, Canada's Three Tenors are three young Canadian men who have an accumulation of vast experience, including a prize-winning performance in Ireland, tours through Mexico and Italy, as well as roles with Opera Nuova, the National Arts Centre Orchestra, Vancouver Symphony, Edmonton Opera and Vancouver Philharmonic Symphony. The real life friends infuse their performances with camaraderie, warming the audience with their intimacy and humour- expressive, accessible and fun. Their harmonization and succinct trans-cultural songs have been compared to that of Caruso,



Romanza

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Well it looks like all who attend the shows are in for a treat this year. For more info ant to get your tickets call 457-9731.

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A Little Bit of Everything

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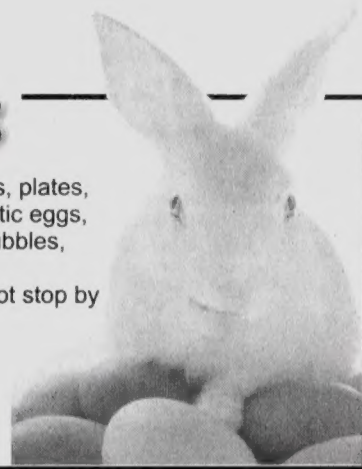
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Highland Junction Service

by George Farrell

Spotlight

On Business

Vacuum Cleaners and our Environment

When we think of air quality most of us think about the pollution to outside air that has been with us since the industrial revolution and the burning of fossil fuels. We are also collectively concerned with the quality of air in the workplace. Employers, thinking of the bottom line, are always eager for productivity. Bad air can mean increased sick days for employees which impacts directly, not only on productivity, but also on the corporate image. Suffice it to say that millions of dollars are spent annually by corporations and governments to insure that the air quality in our workplaces is safe. On the other hand, not many of us think about the quality of the air that we breathe in our own homes, where we generally spend at least half of our time.

Dander from pets, cooking and fireplace fumes, and poor air circulation contribute a great deal to our medical bills, yet very little is done by most people to increase the quality of air in their homes. If people knew just how little it can cost for improved air quality in their homes, they might take remedial action.

"OK", some of you might be thinking, "how can I economically improve the quality of the air in my home?" One simple solution that can go a long way to improve air quality in your home is to upgrade the efficiency of your vacuum system.

Most of us have the portable type vacuum cleaner that sucks up air and debris through the power head. The air and debris continues through the tube, and into the bag, where the debris is deposited. The air, now minus the debris, then passes through a filter and supposedly clean, is then released back into the room. However, what most people don't realize is that the air still contains particles

that can be harmful, especially to those who are sensitive to respiratory ailments.

There is a solution, and Peter Collins can tell us how to improve the air quality in our homes by changing the way we vacuum. Peter has a long history in the world of vacuum cleaners. Peter



Peter Collins

owns and operates Highland Junction Service, which is located at the junction of Highway 118 and County Rd 14. He has been selling and servicing vacuum cleaners in that location since 1980. Peter moved to his present location from Windsor Ontario in 1976. He knew the area from cottaging here with his father and brother. Peter bought what was then the Highland Junction Restaurant, and he ran the restaurant for 2 years. His father Doug meanwhile had moved to Oakville to work for Hoover Canada. "Dad phoned me one day to ask me if I wanted to do vacuum repairs," says Peter. "He mentioned that Hoover was looking for repair depots

and sales reps in this area." The restaurant was not doing so well so "I thought I'd give it a try because I was technically inclined. So for a while I ran both the restaurant and the vacuum business."

Around that time Peter met his wife Dianne who now helps with the books and looks after customers, when Peter is out on calls. "Her family were cottagers, from Toronto" Peter recalls. "And they would come into the restaurant from time to time to order fries and gravy. I remember I had cut my leg badly with a chain

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From Sales To Repairs - Peter's Here To Help

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saw, and I couldn't walk for a while. Dianne started helping in the restaurant, and it went from there." Dianne and Peter were married in 1980, which appears to be a watershed year for the couple, and subsequently they had children. Sarah is now 22 and she works for Den Sign in Haliburton. John 24, is a logger. By 1982 the restaurant had run its course and Peter was full-time



into the vacuum business. The business took off as more and more people were cottaging and moving into the area permanently. Peter says, "I got into different makes and models to keep up with the demand. We added to the original restaurant building and moved in. We had been living in a trailer on the lot up until then. We also made space for my dad who helped in the area of customer service in those early years, after he retired from Hoover. In 1983 I built a separate, 1000 foot repair shop behind the house. As the business kept growing I added another building-and that's what we have now."

The vacuum business has changed over the years for Peter Collins. Whereas previously he sold, repaired, and serviced all makes and models of vacuums, now, his main business is "installing Beam central vacuum systems. I average around 50 to 60 installations a year," he says. Peter is quick to extol the virtues and increased benefits of a central system over the old portable vacuums. "The central systems have twice the suction power, there are no bags," and most importantly, "they take the dirty air out of your living space." Central systems are also more environmentally friendly. "It's a throw-away society," Peter says with feeling. "I don't like it. A lot of the vacuums people bring me to fix are not worth fixing, so they just go into the dump. A mid-range brand-name, new portable has a life of 3 to 5 years, and most cost in the region of \$400. They have a 1 year warranty, whereas a central vac system has 10 years, and with proper maintenance it can be a lifetime purchase. A central vac system can start as low as \$600. On average a complete system with power head and electric hose is about \$850. They're much more cost effective."

The main thrust of Peter's business is divided 50/50 between installing central vac systems in new houses and existing homes. He explains how the central vac system works. "As long as there is a space in the home to store the power unit, virtually any house can have a system. There are no bags to worry about, and most people only need to empty the canister 3 or 4 times a year. The average hose is about 30' long, so that's where we start to determine where we place the hose hook-up inlets in the walls. The piping hose is hidden in the floors and walls, and it runs back to the power unit. When the hose is installed in the inlet it triggers the power unit to turn on. The unit stops when the hose is separated from the inlet. An average home requires about 3 or 4 inlets, but some of the newer, bigger homes and cottages can go anywhere up to 10 to 12 inlets."

For those of you having thoughts about blockages (of the vacuum kind), Pete, sounding like a mediaeval medic says, "I've never had any of my systems clogged. If someone does have a clog, I can service them by taking one of my machines to reverse the suction and clear their system."

"I've gotten completely out of high end portables," Peter continues. "I still do

sell some low end portables, and I have parts, and can repair all makes and models." But it's clear to see that for Peter Collins the future is in central vac systems. "The Beam central system that we sell has partnered with the Ontario Lung Association to improve the quality of indoor air," Peter enthuses, "and we're not taking truckloads of old portable vacuums to the dump."

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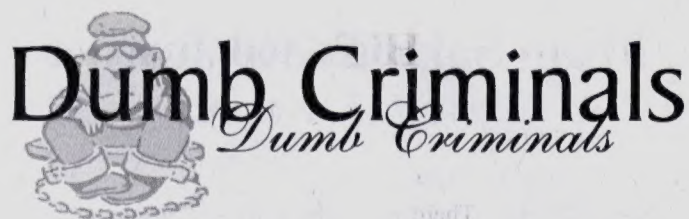
Do you know how to play an instrument? Melissa Alfano is looking for musicians to participate in their 4th Annual "An Evening of Words, Music, Art and Wine" at the Dorset Recreation Centre to be held on Friday, April 20 starting at 6:30pm.

This is a very popular event that will be recorded and rebroadcast on CanoeFM. It's a great way for song writer / musicians to get some exposure and have some fun.

In addition to the music, the event will feature 5-10 artists displaying their paintings / sculptures / stone carvings and 4-5 writers / storytellers reading from their work and hopefully 2-3 musicians performing.

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Tickets are \$6 each (performers receive a complimentary ticket). If you know of a musician who might be interested, please pass this message along and be sure to show up for an evening of great music and tons of fun!!



Keep Your Comments To Yourself:

A woman's decision to write an offensive comment on her check when she paid a parking ticket has proven costly: She had to pay an additional \$100 fine for contempt of court.

Eva Sas made an anatomical reference in the memo portion of the \$22 check she mailed to the New Brunswick (N.J.)

Municipal Court. She received the contempt summons last month after the city's chief judge refused to accept her check.

"Maybe what I did was a bit immature or disrespectful, but it's my right, and it's not illegal," Sas said.

A 1999 directive from the state judiciary, which oversees municipal courts, prohibits judges from penalizing citizens for writing obscene comments. Court officials would not comment on why the order was not followed in this case.

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Employees at Taco Bell called police when the man walked in wearing only a tiny black Speedo swimsuit and a cut-off T-shirt during the Labor Day weekend.

Caddo Valley Police Chief Hiram Latin said his attire, or lack thereof, was a little too revealing.

"He was inappropriately dressed for a restaurant," said Latin. He said the man had left his clothes at a lake.

The man faces a \$750 fine and possible jail time if convicted of indecent exposure.

According to Arkansas law, a person can be charged with indecent exposure if "he knows his conduct is likely to cause affront or alarm."

Police ticketed the man after taking photos of him in the Speedo, for use in court.

Some mistakes are too
much fun to only make
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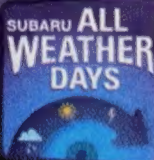
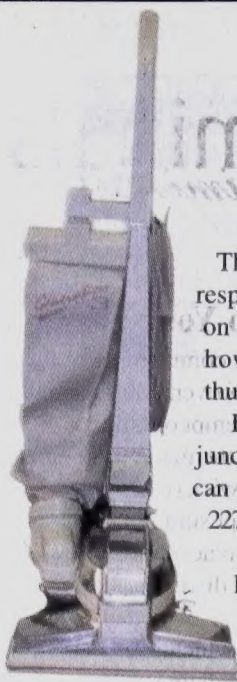
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Meet the New Owners of Haliburton Subway

Stop the presses. The secret's out. Haliburton Highlands is a great place to live and work. Heard it all before? Tired of the old refrain? Well you might just be jaded. The many people who sing the praises of our communities can't all be wrong. Some of those people are visitors, cottagers, or merely passing through, but some love it so much they decide to stay. Two of those people are Mehul Patel and Peter Shah, the new owners of Subway in Haliburton village.

Peter was the first one to settle in our area. He has lived in Minden since 2004, where he has managed the Minden Subway on Highway 35, for the last 2 years. "We were looking around the GTA for some business opportunities," says Peter, a former resident of not-so-beautiful Scarborough, "but nothing appealed to us." At the time the Minden Subway location was for sale. Peter visited Minden and liked what he saw. "We liked the location, the town of Minden and we loved the people-they are so friendly-and we decided to buy. Business in Minden has been so good," Peter continues, "that we decided last August to expand, and we bought the Subway stores in Bobcaygeon, and Fenelon Falls, and now Haliburton." Peter is a busy man. "I'm actually working everywhere to make sure all the stores are running properly," he says, with a delightful smile illuminating his features.

Most of our readers know the location of the Subway sandwich store in Haliburton-it's on the corner of Highland Street and Maple, at the stop lights, next to Home Hardware. Mehul Patel is owner and partner of the store with Peter. "I am also from Scarborough," commences Mehul. "I was working in the area of computer science, but in my mind I was always thinking of the restaurant business. I love to serve, and talk with people and provide them with great service, good food and good value. I found the website of Haliburton County on my computer, and I was looking for an area with good education, medical and hospital facilities, and business

opportunities."

Haliburton obviously fit the bill, because like Peter before him, Mehul came to visit, and ended up staying. "We found the love for the people," Mehul states, still in awe of the area which is so unlike Scarborough. "Also Peter was doing well, and we talked, and it was a mutual agreement that we would work together in the Subway franchises. We took possession (in Haliburton) from the previous owner, on December 13, of 2006."

It's hard for Mehul to suppress his enthusiasm (not that he should), when he says, "business has been going fantastic-our customers are people who live and work in Haliburton and the surrounding area, plus students from all the local schools. Subway is a very successful franchise. It has a bright future because it serves healthy food." He gives some examples. "Our sandwiches are very low in fat, and low in carbohydrates, and the ingredients are always fresh. We bake bread 3 times a day. Our biggest selling sandwiches right now are steak and cheese, chicken-bacon-ranch, and chicken teriyaki.

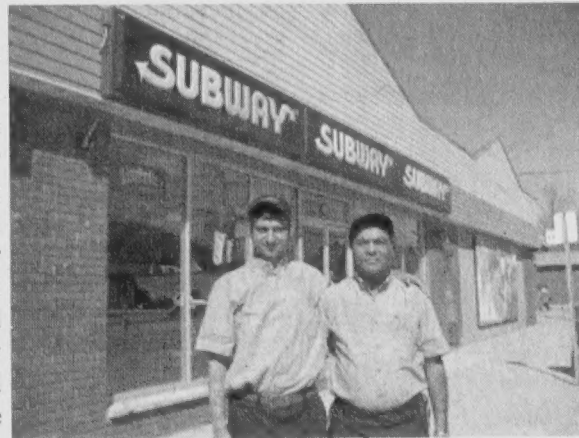
Mehul is married to Julie, who is helping out in the shop, and they have a young boy Archan who is 5 years old and attends senior kindergarten at Stuart

Baker in Haliburton. Peter is married to Dipa, and their children are Rima aged 19, who attends Durham College in Oshawa, Bhumi who is 16 and is in grade 11 at the HHSS, and Puru 12, who is in grade 7 at Archie Stouffer in Minden.. "Our kids love it up here so much," says Peter. "Within 6 months our kids were telling us that they don't want to go back to the city."

"We are content now with the stores that we have and we are looking forward to giving excellent service to our customers this summer. Peter concludes by saying, "We'd like to thank our customers from Minden and Haliburton for their continued support."

There's nothing like enthusiasm and a friendly smile to make a customer feel good. Peter and Mehul have both in spades, which bodes well for their new business.

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Mehul Patel and Peter Shah outside Subway in Haliburton

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Why walk? There are many benefits to planning for pedestrians and creating walkable communities.

Health benefits – walking is a simple, accessible physical activity that people of any age can participate in. Regular daily walking of 30 minutes or more reduces the risk of many chronic diseases.

Economic benefits – increasing walking trips decreases traffic congestion, particularly noticeable during summer months. This makes for a more pleasant walking experience. People walking are more likely to stop at local businesses. A community that is pedestrian-friendly invites people to stroll, shop and spend!

Environmental benefits – more people walking means fewer cars on the road, and decreased greenhouse gas emissions.

Social benefits – providing safe places for people to walk encourages interaction and leads to a stronger sense of community. People value a community where walking is safe, pleasant and common.

The panel will host a Community Meeting on April 17, from 7 to 9 pm at the Wigamog Inn. It is an opportunity for you to give your ideas and

input, as well as get information on the benefits of planning for pedestrians. Refreshments will be provided. We hope you can join us!

This visit connects with and enhances the work that the Communities in Action Committee is doing in Haliburton and Minden. There are very few rural areas doing active transportation planning, and this is a great opportunity to showcase the collaborative work that is taking place in our communities. The findings from all the community visits will be presented at the International Walk 21 Conference in October. Conference information is available at www.toronto.ca/walk21. For information about the CIA visit www.haliburtoninaction.r8.org.

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Spend Earth Day Weekend With One Of North America's Leaders In Earth Literacy And Eco-Spirituality

Drawing on recent conversations with leaders in the fields of economics, religion, education and government, Miriam MacGillis believes there are immense possibilities for the transformation of these institutions from within. If you're working in structures where the cracks are chasms and what's falling through are human spirit and a sustainable Earth, "it's time for a new story."

Join others and meet Miriam MacGillis in person in Haliburton during a public talk on Friday April 20 from 7 – 9 p.m. Miriam will share insights and experiences from living and working within one of "the big four:" economics, religion, education and government; connect to the New Universe Story and the Four Wisdoms; identify changes you can make in your daily paid or unpaid work; connect new cosmology for the 21st century with the crisis and potentials in your bio-region.

Miriam will also be on hand for a workshop "Engaging in the Great Work: Transforming overdue institutions. These workshops are taking place on Saturday April 21 & 22. Call for details – space is limited to 15. Call 754-2427. Visit www.gaiacentre.org.



About Miriam:

Co-founder of Genesis Farm for Earth Literacy, Blairtown New Jersey, winner of 2005 Thomas Berry Award by the Centre for Respect of Life and Environment, Miriam MacGillis, op works to raise serious questions about the global crises and evoke the rich spiritual insights that are already within the hearts of all people. A personal student of Thomas Berry, Miriam's spirituality reverences Earth as a primary revelation of the Sacred.



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Hospital Capital Debt Paid Off Celebration Planned!!!

March 26, 2007 will be recorded in the history books of Haliburton County as a banner day for the health care facilities and the people they serve.

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation presented the final \$65,000 cheque to HHHS Chair Jeanne Anthon to retire the capital debt on the health care facilities in Haliburton and Minden. Jeanne advised that they are thrilled with the payment and thanked the HHHS Foundation for their dedication and perseverance.

Building Our Future Campaign Chairman, Don Popple championed this cause from the very start in December 1998. The HHHS Foundation was charged with raising \$6 million for the \$20 million capital project of construction, rebuilding and renovation of the two health care and hospital facilities in Haliburton and Minden. Don readily admits "that the late Gord Monk, a past HHHSF Chairman and community leader played an important role in the success of this campaign". "We are very pleased to have surpassed our goal and thank everyone for your support", said Don.

HHHSF Chairman, Peter Oyler stated the Foundation will mark the occasion with huge "Thank You Celebrations" on Saturday June 16th at 10 am at the Minden facility and 2 pm at the Haliburton facility. We hope the community will come out and celebrate with us, as it promises to be a great event. Everyone in attendance will receive a print "Campfire Traditions" thanks to artist David Alexander Risk and Janis Parker of Parker Pad & Printing Ltd.

The HHHS Foundation will now concentrate on raising funds for new equipment and technology for both facilities, in order to bring care closer to home and for the comfort and safety of our patients, residents and staff.

Ghost Stories *Scary Tales*

The following is a fun little column for those who like ghost stories... Whether these are true or not we don't know, but they are stories told by those who believe they saw real ghosts!! If anything, they do make for interesting little stories... enjoy...

The Chase Vault



In 1808, in Christchurch, Barbados, a plantation-owing family, the Chases, bought the family crypt of a Mrs Goddard. They buried two daughters in the stone tomb, but when it was reopened in 1812 to bury Mr Chase who, like one of his daughters, had committed suicide, the heavy lead coffins inside were found upended. The same happened at two more burials in 1816 Samuel Brewster and his son were both buried in it, two months apart. Each time, the coffins were found to have been disturbed. In 1819, on the next occasion of the tombs opening the Governor of Barbados Lord Combermere was not dissatisfied. Once again the coffins had been moved. Thomazina Clarke was interred in the tomb and the tomb was ordered to be sealed as it was creating fear among the local population. On April 18th, 1920. Following noises from within the tomb, and after careful inspection of the seals it was reopened. Witnesses were startled by what they found. The coffins were again in disarray, except for Mrs Goddard's, the remains of her coffin was untouched. The unknown force that has shifted heavy lead coffins had had no effect whatsoever on the small bale of wood that had been Mrs Goddard's coffin. There was no sign of forced entry. Lord Combermere decided that enough was enough. He ordered all the coffins to be removed and reburied elsewhere. The vault was left open and unoccupied. It remains so to this day.

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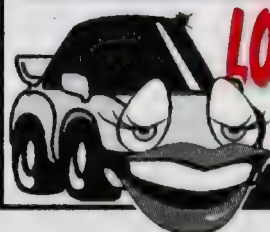
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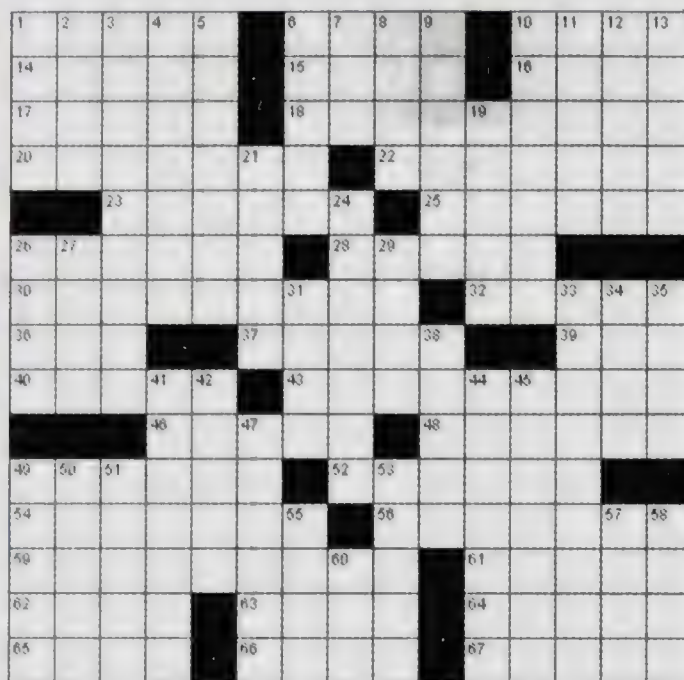
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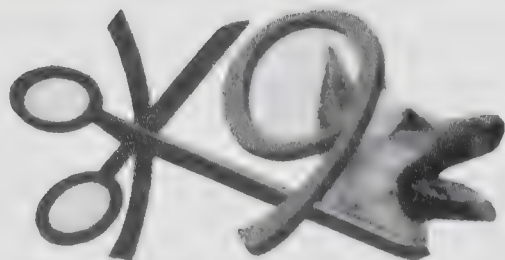
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The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce 2006 Business and Community Achievement Awards

And The Winner Is...

The 2006 Business and Community Achievement Awards were presented this past Saturday evening March 31, at a Gala Dinner held at Delta Pinestone in Haliburton. It was a completely successful sold-out event, and represented a wonderful showcase not only for the Chamber of Commerce, and all the nominees in various categories, but also for the sheer diversity of entrepreneurial and business talent that we have in our communities. Everyone was dressed in finery suitable for the occasion, and although ostensibly we were all there to celebrate the winners in each category, it was also a celebration of what was accomplished individually by all business owners, and collectively as the commercial engine which drives the economy of our county.

The whole evening was kept buoyant by the excellent music provided by the Swing Band and by the imbibing of exquisite culinary delights and eminently quaffable drinkage.

But, on to the awards. As a preface, one thing is clear, there were no losers, and the selection of the recipients is of course, to some degree, subjective. The selection committee consisted of Carol Moffatt, Curtis Eastmure, Martha Perkins, Agie Tose, Dean Chalk and Steve Heming.

Standard Criteria for Awards

The selection committee considered performance and achievement for 2006 in any of, but not limited to, the following areas: Leadership and Entrepreneurship, Product or Market Innovations, Significant Business Achievement, Sales and/or Employment Growth and Technological Advancement, Excellent in Community Relations/Contribution, Environmental Consciousness; Customer Service and Reliability; High Standard of Employee Relations; Contributes to the Economic Health of the Haliburton Highlands.

The award definitions, nominees in each category, and the award recipients are listed below.

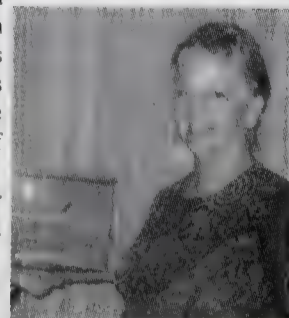
Business Achievement Awards

Small Business of the Year (1-25 Employees)

The award is for profit centered businesses which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or more and have 1 to 25 employees. This award is restricted to members of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

The Nominees: Heat Line, The Pepper Mill, The Storeroom Natural Foods and Country Commercial Printers.

And The Recipient Is: **Country Commercial Printers**, Wendy Gunning



Chamber of Commerce 2006 Business Awards Cont'd...

According to the person who nominated Wendy, County Commercial Printers have been innovators in the rapidly evolving, high-tech printing business. They have hired full time staff, trained them, provided benefit programs and treated them as valued assets to their growing business. Owner Wendy Gunning is active on different committees in the community, and she has gone out of her way to make sure her workplace can accommodate employees who need additional assistance to realize their true potential.

Large Business of the Year (26+ Employees)

This award is for profit centered businesses which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or more and have 26 employees or more. The award is restricted to members of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

The Nominees: Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton, Patient News Publishing, Curry Motors Ltd.

And The Recipient Is:

Curry Motors Limited.

Curry Motors, and automotive Landmark in Haliburton County, took on the task of reinventing and relocating itself in 2006. After many years of being located at the main intersection of the Village of Haliburton, Don Popple and his team decided it was time for a change. Curry Motors, employing a staff of over 30, moved to it's new location on County Road 21, offering its customers the ultimate in service and products. Congratulations to Don and the team



New Business of the Year (Under 3 Years)

This award is for profit centered businesses which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or less.

The Nominees: The Carving Gallery, Todd's Independent.

And The Recipient Is: Todd's Independent.

Todd's Independent, owned and operated by Steve Todd, began business in Haliburton in May of 2005, and is the

county's largest retail grocery store. The company now employs more than 55 people on a regular basis, and reaches over 100 employees in the summer months. Congratulations, and a hats-off to Steve and staff.



Not-For-Profit Business of the Year

This award recognizes the contribution that Not-For-Profit Organizations make to the County of Haliburton. The Award is intended for organization that have been in business more than 3 years, and is subject to the same standard list of criteria as the other awards.

The Nominees: Redstone River Luge Club, Rotary Club of Minden, Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network, Minden Kin Club.

And The Recipient Is: Haliburton Highlands Trail and Tours Network.

The Highlands has become a popular tourist destination because of our variety and extensive network of trails, and Trails and Tours co-ordinates and promotes all trails in the county and provides information and assistance to residents and tourists alike. Trails and Tours works closely with the snowmobile and ATV Associations, as well as promoting non-motorized trail alternatives such as cross country skiing, snowshoeing, bicycling, biking, hiking and canoeing. A large part of the success of many tourism related business in Haliburton County can be attributed to the ability to access and enjoy nature, and explore the wonders and beauty of the Highlands through the endeavors of the Trails and Tours Network. Kate Hall accepted the award on behalf of management and staff. Congratulations to all at T and T.



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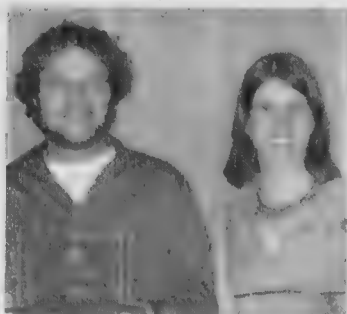
Young Entrepreneur of the Year (29 Years and Under)

The criteria for the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award include proficiency as a Risk Taker, Enthusiasm, Motivation, Creativity, Originality, Dedication, Innovation and Vision as applied to activities of the Young Entrepreneur during 2006.

The Nominees: March Wilkins of Marcy's Day Spa; Ben Teskey and Robin Golloher of Algonquin's Wolf Den Bunkhouse and Cabins.

And The Recipients Are: Ben Teskey and Robin Golloher

This couple, in their mid-twenties are 2004 graduates of the Ecosystem Management Technician Course, of Sir Sandford Fleming College in Lindsay. They secured employment as managers of the Algonquin's Wolf Den Bunkhouse and Cabins outside Algonquin Park, and after one year purchased the hostel. The couple developed their business plan and demonstrated good financial acumen by securing unconventional funding



to purchase the property in September of 2006. They have a main lodge, 3 bunkhouses, and an outdoor sauna, and offer a hostel to travelers who are primarily going to Algonquin Park. Congratulations Ben and Robin on your new business, and as the recipient of this years' Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

Community Achievement Awards

Highlander of the Year

The Highlander of the Year Award recognizes the contributions and community leadership demonstrated by individuals for the benefit of the Haliburton Highlands. Any resident of the Highlands who has made outstanding contributions to the community in the areas of art, culture, heritage, community services, community economic development or the environment are eligible for nomination. The Highlander of the Year is a community booster and a true Ambassador for the Haliburton Highlands.

The Nominees: Michael Fay, Wade MacInnes, Sue Shikaze, Richard (Dick) Schell

And The Recipient Is: Wade MacInnes

Wade has run the highly successful International Silver Stick Hockey Tournament for the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association, for the past 5 years. Wade was successful in securing a 5 year commitment to run regional qualifying tournaments in Haliburton and Minden. This involves organizing an Atom, PeeWee, Bantam and Midget tournament each year for 5 years. This represents a total of 20 tournaments including 7 out-of-town teams for each tournament. That's a total of 140 hockey teams coming into Haliburton County for 2 nights of accommodation and food etc. Each team consists of a minimum of 13 players, plus coaches, trainers and managers. Family members also swell the numbers, which contribute significantly to the economy of the county. As a volunteer Wade has done a remarkable job in handling the logistics for each tournament and insuring that it continues as a quality and prestigious event. Congratulations Wade.

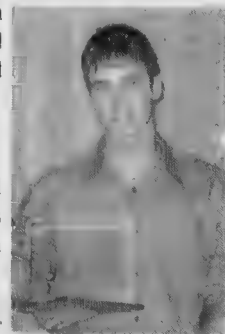


Youths of the Year

Not nominated awards, Youths of the Year will be presented to a high school student or students currently, or recently attending the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS). Community-minded students with successful academic standing represent the quality of Haliburton's future and are deserving of our recognition. The selection committee of HHSS will award a student based on his or her academic and extra-curricular activities, and a willingness to participate throughout the community in enriching the lives of others.

And The Recipients Are: Jeff Griffin, Youth Entrepreneur and Claire Flatman, Youth Community Service

From 2002-2006 Jeff attended HHSS. During that time he was a member



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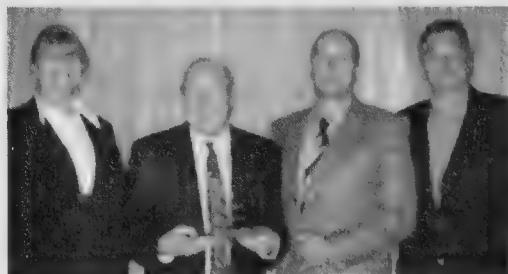
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of the football and wrestling teams, and in his last year was a Gold Medal winner at the Kawartha Championship. He organized team clothing for the wrestling team by finding a supplier, collecting money and ordering the clothes. Jeff was a Grade 12 honors student and was the recipient of 2 awards at the Awards Ceremony. Jeff has signed up for a Small Engine and Marine Mechanic Apprenticeship Program and did a school co-op with Northland Marine, the family business, where he presently works while completing his schooling at Sir Sandford Fleming College. Jeff also has his full Private Pilots Licence which he received when he was 17.

Because of his love for snowmobiles, Jeff volunteered with a Professional Snow Cross Team this winter, as a mechanic, helping out with many hours of maintenance, a very rewarding experience.

In a quiet yet effective manner Claire's Flatman's charming personality shines through as she demonstrates the schools credo of respect responsibility and commitment. This is especially true in regards to the Lunch Buddy Program, which pairs a student volunteer with a student who has an intellectual disability. Claire was also a participant and organizer of the Mexico Trip Mission, which sponsored a working trip to Mexico. She helped with the fundraising at the bake sales, book sales, leaf raking dinners, and chocolate bar sales. She organized the breakfast and spaghetti supper at St. George's Anglican Church, and also charted the fundraising efforts for the Mexican trip. While in Mexico Claire readily helped the hosts at the base with cleaning-up duties after meals. She dug trenches, moved bricks, dirt and rocks in the heat of the day, at the construction site. Congratulations Jeff and Claire.



Award of the Year

This award will be selected by the Warden of the County of Haliburton, Murray Fearrey. It will be awarded to an individual,

group, team, business or organization who has shown significant achievements or made significant contributions to the County of Haliburton in 2006.

And The Recipients Are:

Chris, J.D., and Angela Bishop of Sir Sam's Ski Area

Murray Fearrey commented on the fact "that 3 generations of the Bishop family have been involved in the business dating back to 1965, making every weekend a special experience for residents and visitors alike." The Warden went on to say that "the award was a reflection of the county's strong individuals and capable entrepreneur."

Congratulations Chris, J.D., and Angela.

And congratulations again to all the award recipients. It was a great evening. Kudos should also go to Charlene English of the Chamber of Commerce, and Steve Heming YMCA Wanakita for their efforts in organizing such a great event; chef Gordon Skinner of the Delta Pinestone for the excellent edibles; and to MC Mike Jaycock for his witty banter and jaunty introductions. Last, but not least a toast to all who attended the gala, and those who didn't, who have contributed over this past year to the economic and social well-being of Haliburton County.

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Since Dave has become a member of the club, he is entitled to stay at any of these resorts at any time he chooses. Unlike a timeshare, Dave is not limited to when or where he can stay. He could stay a whole month in a resort for pennies on the dollar if he wanted. (If his boss would give him the time off!) Also, Dave can bring as many friends as can fit in his unit - at no extra cost. He only pays for the unit, not per person! Dave only has to pay for the weeks he uses too. He doesn't have to worry about any annual fees, or conversion fees. There are no fees. He simply decides where he wants to go, then calls the live 24/7 phone number to book his holiday (or he can do it himself online). He can book his holiday months in advance or within hours of his departure! He pays the weekly rate and he's done. It couldn't be easier! Not only that, but he is able to save a bundle on his airline tickets through the club as well!

And guess what Dave is doing next year? Going on a cruise! Of course his holiday club offers these exact same rates of \$298 - \$699 per unit per week on major cruise lines as well. Dave is happening!!

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and emotional extremes, embrace the lifestyle and appreciate the heritage of the places where we travel" says national festival director Scott MacGregor.

The Haliburton Campus will screen this year's award winning films in each respective category including: Best Documentary, Best Paddling Adventure / Travel Film, and Best Short Film, as well as the winners in the Whitewater, Canoeing, and Sea Kayaking categories.

Numerous other films from the Reel Festival World Tour will be screened including "Beyond the Horizon" which profiles Julie Wafaei, the first woman to row across the Atlantic Ocean; and Colin Angus who completed the first human powered circumnavigation of the entire globe. Visitors will receive a free subscription to a Rapid Media publication of their choice including: Canoe Roots, Adventure Kayak, or Rapid magazine.

Films will be shown throughout the day on the big screen in several separate rooms, while the Haliburton Campus's Art Certificate Programs will be showcasing work in the Great Hall.

Students and alumni from the campus's Glassblowing, Jewellery, Artist Blacksmith, Ceramics, Textiles, Photography, Sculpture, and

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This event is sponsored by the Wilderness Medical Associates and Fleming College.

Remember, the event is Saturday April 21st, 2007 and it's FREE ! It's being held at 297 College drive, Haliburton. For more information contact 705-457-1680 or email ckalouda@flemingc.on.ca
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Highlands Little Theatre Presents: A



Classic Tale of Terror

By Lea Harper

The Woman in Black — a spine-chilling gothic ghost story — has been performed on stage in England since 1987 and has since stunned audiences as far away as Tokyo. Now Highlands Little Theatre is preparing to bring it to Haliburton. Director, Caryl Miller calls The Woman in Black “a psychological thriller. We’ve done comedies and melodramas but never a ghost story. The play has literally hundreds of sound effects. Acting, sound, lights – all three aspects are interdependent

Caryl Miller Directs

“The Woman in Black”



Caryl Miller

and have to be superb for it to work.” It’s a two hander and actors Tim Nicholson and Mike Johnson “have great chemistry together” and “wonderfully complex characters to work with.”

Caryl says the show is unsuitable for children under ten. “Not that there are buckets of gore (like Freddy Kruger).” She more readily compares the Woman in Black to the

Hitchcock masterpiece, ‘Psycho’ in that the horror is implied rather than explicit — like the famous shower scene where all we see is “the blood swirling down the drain. It’s all in your head which is much more frightening.”

Stephen Mallatratt’s adaptation of the best selling novel by Susan Hill is remarkable. It all seems benign enough at first: Junior solicitor, Arthur Kipps is sent to a remote corner of England — a bleak landscape of bogs and marshes, fog and sea-frets — to settle the estate of old Mrs. Drablow. As the inexplicable becomes the unthinkable, he is swept up into the vortex of the increasingly tangible, malevolent presence that haunts Eel Marsh house and whose influence is pervasive, far-reaching and diabolical.

Arthur Kipps (Tim Nicholson) wishing to be free of his terrible tale, to exorcize it through the telling, hires a young actor (Mike Johnson) to play him while the traumatized Kipps relives the drama (tentatively at first) through a host of supporting characters – all of whom played a part in Kipp’s story. It’s definitely ‘edge of your seat’ theatre and not for the faint hearted.

I’ve been present at enough rehearsals – three hour sessions of sometimes grueling intensity – to be grateful for those brief periods of respite from the terror of ‘The Nine Lives Causeway’ when mid-way through the evening a welcome dose of comic relief is served up — courtesy of Tim and Caryl (who rib each other mercilessly) — along with tea and cookies. Why simply tell a story when you can act it out? During one break, while commenting on a particular dog’s behavior, Caryl struck a pose, put

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The Woman in Black

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on a canine face, pursed her lips and immediately 'became' the

poodle. I later learned that Caryl had worked with one of the largest Pantomime companies in Britain.

When Caryl was 8 or 9 years old, she was stuck at a bus stop with no fare. (In England in those days, it was not unusual for a child to take the bus alone.) She imagined the saddest thing that could possibly happen to her and the tears began to flow. Eventually a woman appeared and asked what was wrong. "My mother just died," Caryl sniffled, "and I have no money to get home." The woman naturally paid for her to get on the bus. In that instant Caryl realized not only was acting something she could do but she might actually get paid for it.

Caryl joined a theatre group at 16. In one of her first roles, she played a native girl on a tropical island with three convicts. It was "the usual - more make-up less clothing..." Caryl soon "discovered the charm of character acting - the value of making people different" and gave a waitress she was playing a nasty "case of adenoids." When Caryl played the doctor's wife in Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit* at the Academy Theatre in Lindsay, she thought her character "terribly dull" and made her more memorable by giving her a "dreadful horse laugh." Caryl admits she loves comedy. "Knowing you can tweak an audience is empowering."

Caryl came to Canada in 1968 and along with Dennis Sweeting and a few others, started the Highlands Theatre. "We had twenty dollars and a lot of good ideas." In those days she was Caryl Douglas (her name from a previous marriage). Caryl was one of the founders of the Highlands Summer Festival as well.

One of Caryl's favourite characters was Lady Bracknell (whom she based on her Aunt Grace) in Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*. "When I was younger I liked to play old character parts. I still do only now it requires less makeup." Her last time on stage, she revived *Madame Arcati* (*Blithe Spirit*) for the 25th anniversary of Highlands Little Theatre. It seemed fitting. "It was the first play we staged."

Caryl directed Michael Fay's 'Never Such Innocence Again', a production that walked away with the majority of awards at the Eastern Ontario Drama League including Best Director. Caryl knows how to get the most out of her actors. A play may be "the director's vision" but Caryl doesn't believe in "telling" an actor "do it this way." She has a knack for pointing out what she's looking for and "letting them find it".

The actor/director has a few other great passions. One is her husband, Ray Miller, author of the acclaimed, 'From Coal Lights to Satellites', with whom she's shared a home in Eagle Lake for 14 years. "An extremely clever man," says Caryl. "He could take a vacuum cleaner apart and turn it into a computer."

Theatre costumes have always interested her and she owns an extensive vintage collection which fills her raised 24 foot garage. (She'll rent to theatre groups but not parties.) Although she makes hats, Caryl says her "tool of choice is a glue gun" and when it comes to costume restoration she relies on a fine seamstress who lives nearby.

Finally we have the exotic Pujah, a Crimson Belly Conure - Christmas gift from Ray. He's quite content to snuggle and smooch with Caryl for hours on end (the bird that is) and dip into the nut bowl she leaves for him on the coffee table.

Pujah might not approve of the metaphor, but at rehearsal Caryl is a hawk, rarely taking her eyes off the actors. It has been said that a work of art is 10% inspiration and 90% perspiration. Caryl says Tim and Mike are "great actors". I can tell you this: They are hard working professionals and a joy to watch. Stage manager, Heather Smith and assistant Sandy Sloat look after all the mind boggling details with calm precision. As for me, I'll

keep showing up dressed in black.

The Woman in Black, a ghost play will run from April 18 - 21st at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Tickets are \$15. and are available at The Storeroom in Minden, BonBons and Baubles in Haliburton and from Caryl Miller at 754-1919



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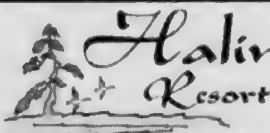
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Hollywood Stars Gone Missing

Brian Bonsall

Name: Brian Bonsall

Born: December 3, 1981, Torrance, California

Claim to Fame: Brian Bonsall played Andrew Keaton, the youngest of the Keatons in 'Family Ties.' He came to the series in season five and was a regular cast member until the end.

Info: Brian was brought to the show to add the cute kid factor that seems to happen late in a series. His career never really took off, although most kids know Brian from the Disney film he made called, 'Blank Check.'

Trivia: Got a black armband tattoo on his 18th birthday. Began bands, Late Bloomers and Thruster in the past year. Attended Missouri Military Academy for one year. You may also remember Brian from a series of TV commercials he appeared in with Art Carney for Coca Cola.

Where is He Now: On May 28, 2004, on suspicion of driving under the influence and driving with a suspended license in Boulder, Colorado. The rumor is that when he was asked by the officer if he had been drinking, he replied, 'plenty.'

He was previously convicted on a DUI charge in 2001.

Brian has thrown himself into music. In May he had this to



say, "Music is my passion and it's how I want to spend the rest of my days. I have no interest in returning to acting."

"Even if the band doesn't work out, I want to be associated with music somehow."

There has been speculation on whether or not Brian worked at a radio station in Detroit in 2003. Some say it was him, and others are saying it was a man impersonating him. The radio station was WRIF Radio where his on-air name is O.D.

Where Are They Now HHSS?

In the spirit of Where are they Now... we've decided to do a "local" column - Where Are They Now - Past Students of Haliburton High School. If you know of someone from HHSS who has moved on and you would like to update us on how they are doing - what they are doing - are they married? Have Children? etc... then email or send the info in. Include the graduating year or last year of school attended if you can - name before they were married and if possible - a picture now and then (but if you can't it's okay.) - So all you proud parents, grandparents, relatives, friends, etc.. lets get this column going. It should be a lot of fun.

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The three women represent the grandmother (played by Hilda Clarke), the middle aged mother, (played by Kim Barrett) and her 18 year old daughter (played funny enough by her real life daughter Carolyn Barnes). There is also a baby in the situation but it is just a

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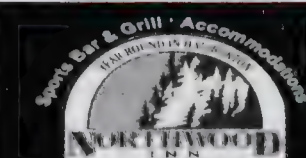
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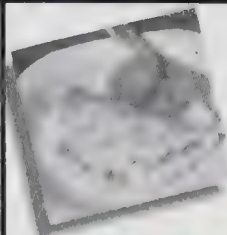
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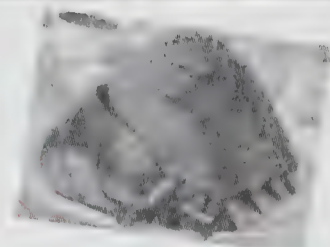
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Join others, Saturday April 21st between 2-4 p.m. at the Rail's End Gallery - roll up your sleeves and decorate a bowl. In keeping with the objectives of Empty Bowls, themes for decoration may relate to food, hunger and community. You may have a poem, a quote or simple words to write on a bowl, or you may choose to paint or draw symbols, stories or designs.

Working alongside local potters, you will have the opportunity to: learn about the processes of clay, familiarize yourself with Fleming's ceramics studio and learn about Empty Bowls.

Materials for this event have been kindly donated by Tucker's Pottery Supply and Fleming College. This is a free event and will be handled first come, first serve. Once decorated, bowls will be glazed, fired and displayed at the College until our Empty Bowls fundraising dinner, Thursday, May 17th, at the Haliburton Legion.

Empty Bowls is a creative fundraising initiative that has spread the world over, uniting communities, potters, artists, students, educators, volunteers, and patrons to raise funds for hunger relief and awareness. Haliburton held it's first Empty Bowls Project in the fall of 2005, raising over \$5500.00 for the 4 C's food bank. Building on the success of 2005, and understanding the need for relief in this community, Empty Bowls will expand it's reach to raise funds for our region's 4 food banks. This includes the Cardiff Community Food Bank, Wilberforce Word of Life Clothing and

EMPTY BOWLS IS BACK!!

Emergency Food Outreach, Minden Food Bank and Haliburton's 4 C's Food Bank. Also, due to public interest in the project, organizers have created opportunities for you to get involved!

Empty Bowls will be held Thursday May 17th at the Haliburton Legion. Doors open at 6:00pm and dinner will begin around 6:30pm. Tickets, \$50.00,

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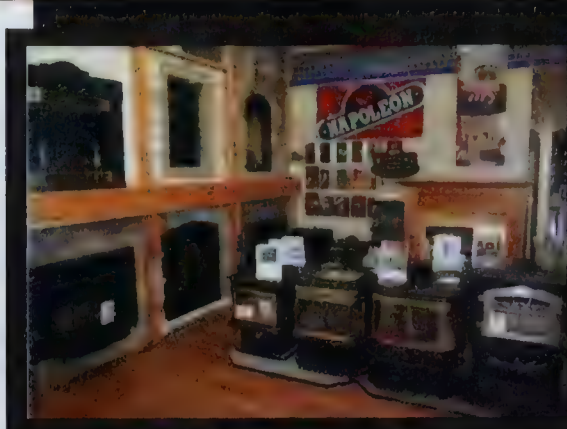
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The Power of Place

By Katherine & Russ Loader

Whether we choose to believe it or not, we are greatly affected and influenced, for better or for worse by our surroundings; particularly the atmosphere and layout of our homes. Not only how we feel, but also how we interact with others, how productive we are, and our resulting life experiences are directly related to one's environment. Have you ever visited

someone's home or office for the first time and for some strange reason felt out of sorts, ill at ease or just plain anxious while being there? We have all instinctively shared this experience at one time or another. What we sensing is the energy or Feng Shui of that place. When we feel welcomed, relaxed and comfortable it is said that the environment contains great Feng Shui, or positive energy. When made to feel irritable, uncomfortable, and uneasy, it is said that we are affected by the poor Feng Shui, or negative energy contained within the environment.

Home and business owners alike are now turning their focus and embracing this ancient oriental wisdom to bring a sense of balance and harmony into their daily lives. Even the rich and famous have embraced these principles and are now using them daily in their personal and professional lives. Famous people such as Donald Trump, Tommy Hilfiger, Oprah Winfrey, Celine Dion, Tony Blair, Richard Branson, Madonna, Julie Roberts, and Steven Spielberg are just to name a few. Feng Shui is also rearranging the corporate world with names such as British Airways, The Body Shop, Elizabeth Arden, IBM, Hyatt Hotels, CNN International, CBS Studios, Chase Manhattan Bank, Panasonic, Kelloggs and even the White House. Employers are

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now realizing the importance of the workplace environment on their employees. Feng Shui is now being used by many companies to achieve success over their competitors. Better organized personal work space, less stress, improved confidence, enhanced creativity, increased job satisfaction, lower staff turnover, reduced absenteeism, better teamwork, less conflicts, improved productivity, increased sales and profits, and career advancement are just a few of the benefits for both the employer and employee.

Developed over 3,000 years ago in the East, Feng Shui is widely practised as the science and art of spatial design and object placement which balances and enhances the energy of one's surroundings. This ancient discipline seeks to create harmonious living and working environments to help one achieve optimal health of body, mind and soul. Feng Shui, (pronounced fung shway) are the Chinese words for wind and water. It is the universal energy which flows between heaven and earth, running through and connecting all things.

The Chinese call this energy Chi. It has been given many different names throughout the world. To the Japanese, Ki as in Reiki, to the Hindus, Prana as in Pranic Healing, to the Hawaiians, Mana, to the Egyptians, Ka, to the Native American Indians, the Great Spirit, and in the world of the New Age Movement it is referred to as vital energy, bio-cosmic energy, universal energy, and life force energy. The Chi in your body acts very similarly to the way the energy in a

magnet works; it draws to it and attracts the same type of energy it magnetizes out. If your Chi is sending our energy signals that resonate to a sense of harmony, balance and well being, then it will draw it the things, events and opportunities that will reflect that feeling. It is so important to realize and remember that all the things that you surround yourself with on a daily basis affect the way Chi flows throughout your home or workplace. If positive energy is allowed to flow freely through your environment, then the people who live and work there prosper and benefit.

It is a well known fact that everything in the world has its origins in the world of energy. Quantum physics now confirms that everything in our universe is made up of a mass of constantly moving energy. All physical matter, no matter how solid it feels, is in fact, only energy vibrating. Thus everything on this planet is interconnected by the vibrations of life-force energy which flows between them. Even in the empty spaces that we cannot see, energy exists as well. This means that our home, too, is composed of energy; it is not separate from us, but is a direct reflection of who we are, reflecting our inner energy and intentions throughout our

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lives. The vibrations found in your home can either be life-suppressing or life-enhancing and the primary focus of a Feng Shui practitioner is to assist the home owner in creating an environment that supports and nurtures them in all areas of their life, both mentally and physically. Enhancing and harmonizing the Chi of our environment strengthens and enhances our own personal Chi. This in turn produces the three most sought after attributes of a good life: health, wealth and happiness. It is not a magic bullet or a quick fix; it is simply a method, an important tool that can help us address and deal with all of life's issues. It simply suggests that it is much easier to "go with the flow" rather than to constantly struggle upstream against it.

Just as there are several different schools of martial arts, so to, in the world of Feng Shui. Black Sect Feng Shui is the most recent school of Feng Shui to be introduced to the West and derives in part from Tibetan Buddhism, as taught by Professor Lin Yun of Berkeley, California. This school of Feng Shui works purposefully and directly with subtle energy systems within your environment in order to create balance and dynamic life change. This approach is multi-disciplined, incorporating psychology, ecology, interior design, colour therapy, yin/yang theory, five element theory, common sense and intuition. By using a more holistic approach in all areas of one's life, Black Sect Feng Shui is a truly unique and powerful art in assisting an individual to make positive life changes. An integral part of improving the Feng Shui of a location is the use of the Bagua. For centuries, the Chinese have placed this mystical octagon on plots of land, houses and rooms to determine the energy characteristics of an environment. The Bagua is basically a map of eight life situations – career, knowledge, family, wealth, fame, marriage, children, and helpful people – which reflect universal aspirations and concerns. To locate the positive and negative areas of a person's life the Bagua is superimposed like a template over the floor plan of a home, and even on some rooms to indicate the drawbacks and benefits of the location and effects on one's life. At this time, the practitioner will be suggesting several different cures to a client to attract and enhance a positive flow of Chi throughout the home. We will be covering more on adjustment items and the nine basic cures in future articles.

Why are we so interested in Feng Shui now? Why is it becoming so popular world wide? You can be sure there is something major going on in the unseen worlds which is causing this to happen and it is our belief that this is occurring in response to the earth's need to raise the vibration of what we humans are doing. We now seek refuge, sanctuary, safety, calm, order, balance and harmony in our homes and are now realizing that in order to create lasting change in our lives we first need to change our homes. It is this basic understanding of the strong link between us and our homes that is at the very heart of Feng Shui. We can now learn to arrange our spaces in order to support our goals, whatever they are – to raise a family in a stable and secure environment, to create a safe haven from which to explore the world, or to simply achieve peace of mind. One thing we know for sure is that Feng Shui will continue to develop and grow in this millennium and beyond as fluid and vibrant as the universe itself. May the Chi be with you.

Feng Shui Experts Coming To Haliburton

Get ready to get into the "Feng Shui" of things. We have a couple of Feng Shui experts coming up to Haliburton at the end of this month as part of the Community Care Volunteer Appreciation Event and organizers are opening the lecture up to the public for a \$5-10 donation.

Below is an article by Russ and Katherine to give you an idea about the subject of Feng Shui. To meet them in person, you are going to have to attend the lecture 'Feng Shui for Modern Living' taking place April 25 from 6 – 9 p.m. at the Wigamog Inn. Suggested Donation \$5-\$10. To register contact Brigitte at Community Care Haliburton County 457 2941

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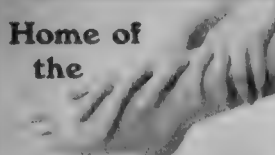


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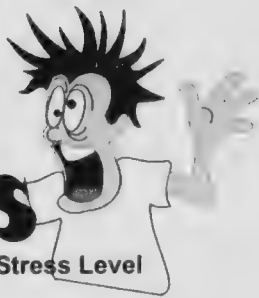
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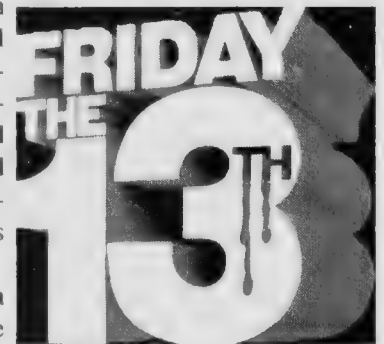


In pagan times **Friday** was the luckiest day of the week because it was ruled by the planet Venus, the symbol of love and fortune. In fact, Friday is named in honour of Freya, goddess of Love. But for Christians, Friday has not been a good day. Adam and Eve is said to have eaten the forbidden fruit on a Friday and died on a Friday. Jesus was crucified on a Friday.

For centuries sailors refused to set sail on a Friday. It is told that when the reluctance of seamen to set sail on a Friday had reached such proportions that it interfered with naval operations, the British Admiralty decided to prove once and for all that it is a fallacy. They laid the keel of a new vessel on a Friday, named her H.M.S. Friday, and launched her on a Friday. On her first voyage, setting sail on a Friday, she was commanded by Captain James Friday. She left the harbour and nothing has since been heard of her or her crew. The identical story has also found its place in American lore.

The fear for travelling on a Friday continued until the early 20th century where in Europe bus and train travel was lowest on a Friday.

But before you say "Thank Goodness, it's Friday!" consider that today, FBI statistics show, most robberies take place on a Friday.



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Healthy Views



By Diane Dingman

Director of Communicable Disease Control, Haliburton,
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It can be hard to let go of our growing children.

While parents want to protect their children, this becomes harder to do as they grow to become teenagers and young adults. The words of wisdom we shared when they were five years of age no longer seem fitting when they are now towering over us in height and teetering on the brink of adulthood.

Yet when it comes to the health of children, parents still have an important role to play. This is especially true when it comes to invasive meningococcal disease.

High school and university students have a higher risk of getting invasive meningococcal disease (IMD) as it is spread easily from person-to-person either by coughing, sneezing, kissing or sharing items such as food, drink, lipstick, cigarettes or eating utensils.

IMD is a serious disease that can strike fast, making those with the disease extremely ill very quickly. IMD is rarely mild and its symptoms include: fever, severe headache, stiff neck and rashes, nausea and vomiting. In extreme cases, IMD can lead to meningitis (swelling of the lining of the brain and spinal cord) or a serious blood infection called meningococemia. Approximately 10 per cent of all cases in Canada result in death.

The best way to protect our children from this devastating disease is to make sure they are immunized before they are exposed to the bacteria. The Ontario government now provides a free meningococcal C conjugate vaccine that is very effective in protecting young people against the strain that most often causes outbreaks in Ontario. This vaccine is offered to all Grade 7 students in the province as part of their routine immunization.

For the last two years, the Health Unit has organized meningococcal C conjugate vaccine clinics in local schools. The purpose of doing this is to make it more convenient for Grade 7 and high school students to receive the vaccine.

This spring, the Health Unit has once again provided in-school clinics to local Grade 7 students and will be offering clinics in area high schools in April. Speaking as a health professional, but also as a mother, I would strongly encourage parents to insist their eligible children receive the meningococcal C conjugate vaccine.



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Simply return the signed consent form that is sent home with your son or daughter.

Even if you have children who have graduated from high school but are still under the age of 21 years, they are still eligible to receive meningococcal C conjugate vaccine for free. Encourage them to call the Health Unit or their health care provider to find out how to get immunized.

We can't always be there to watch out for them, but when it comes protecting our children against IMD, we should seize the opportunity to do something that is good for their health.

In my career in public health, I recall assisting with a meningitis outbreak in a small Ontario town in which a number of students were exposed and immediately put on antibiotics. I can still remember the panic on the faces of the families who were going through the ordeal.

In another case, I vividly recall the words of a mother whose 11-year-old daughter became severely ill from meningococcal disease, but who later recovered.

"Take it from me," the mother said. "Don't wait until you are in hospital with a loved one who is sick from meningitis to know you could have done something to prevent it."

Remember that, no matter how old our children are, we will always be their parents looking out for their best interests. In this case, the meningococcal C conjugate vaccine is good for their health and well-being, not to mention a parent's peace of mind.

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Are You the Next....Dead Poets Idol?

By Lea Harper

The Conjurors of County Town and the Dominion Hotel are bringing poetry to the stage once again in April with the Dead Poets Idol Competition. Both The Beatnik Bongo event in December and Saint Valentine's Night of Tortured love in February played to a packed house. Part of what has made the ongoing poetry series such a success is that the events offer more than just the recitation of poetry. The participants are required to embody their poet of choice which means arriving in character and in costume. Saint Valentine attracted 'poets' of all ages which was evidenced by 16 year old Allana Ziorjen who appeared at Sylvia Plath and the dashing young bard, Aaron King who brought Edgar Allan Poe to the stage.

Is there a poem that haunts you? Bring a poet back to life and seize your five minutes of fame on stage at the Dominion Hotel, Friday April 27, 8pm. The only criteria is that you must choose a dead poet. Know your poet: Interviewer extraordinaire – the dearly departed Barbara Frum (Fay Martin) is Mistress of Ceremonies and will be introducing you. Contestants will be judged on Performance, Costume and Content. The grand prize is a dinner for two at Grill on the Gull...plus the Great



Bring a poet back to life. Seize your five minutes of fame on stage

Canadian Book Giveaway. Contestants will receive collections of Canadian poetry and copies of fine literary journals.

There will be three judges: The sharp-tongued reporter and commentator, H.L. Mencken (Jack Brezina), the exotic Grecian love poet, Sappho (Lea Harper) and the generous and wise Roman orator, Seneca the Elder (Jim Blake).

The jury? The audience gets the final word so it is recommended that each 'poet' invite their cheering section. If you are not yet of legal drinking age, you need to bring along a parent, guardian, favourite uncle or famous poet (if you know one).

Already there have been rumblings and debates among the jurors. Mencken, the verbal sharp shooter – who died in 1954 – first responded to the invitation to preside over the Dead Poets Idol Competition with: "a poet over 30 years old is simply an overgrown child" then recanted after learning Seneca the Elder (circa 50 BC) would be among the deliberators. Seneca's advice to Mencken was, "the best remedy for anger is delay". Sappho (630 BC) simply informed Mencken, "I am a poet. If your reputation and work last as long as mine, consider

yourself lucky." She then gave him a copy of her poem, Ode to Aphrodite.

To the poetry contestants, Seneca offered these words of encouragement: "It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare; it is because we do not dare that things are difficult."

One unexpected addition to the Dead Poetry Idol Competition is the late Jim Morrison who has been chosen as the Patron Saint of the evening. At first, the singer was not terribly forthcoming as the following interview will attest to:

JM: "Ah, yes, cameras in coffins interviewing worms...yet more spectators at the tomb."

LH: I suppose you are wondering why we have chosen you as the Patron Saint of the Dead Poets Idol Competition?

J.M: "No, not really."

LH: You were an icon of the 1960's counterculture but it was more than great music you made with the Doors. Re-reading your first book of poems, *The Lords and the New Creatures* and your posthumous collection, *'Wilderness'*, I remembered that you studied filmmaking at UCLA. You had an incredible flair for the theatrical. Tragically, you were never taken seriously as a poet. Almost 1,600 pages of unpublished writings were sifted through after your death, including lyrics, essays, poems, outlines for plays...For all your celebrity, (other than your song lyrics) few knew your written work. From the moment you stepped on stage (Adonis in black leather) you put an end to beach blanket bingos and rendered old swivel hips, Elvis (the previous reigning king of raw charisma) passé.

J.M: We all want heroes we can live though vicariously...heroes who will die for us."

LH: One of the reasons we stage these poetry events is to pay tribute to poets — those unsung heroes whose words have inspired such greatness on this planet.

JM: What beast shall I worship? What lie should I uphold? In Whose Blood Tred?

LH: I'm sorry Jim, this is a community newspaper, we can't discuss the Bush Administration.

J.M: Uh...Arthur Rimbaud wrote that in the late 1800s.

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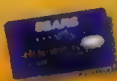
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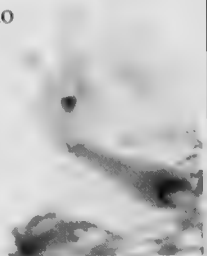
In Phoenix, Arizona, you can't walk through a hotel lobby with spurs on.

In California, a law created in 1925 makes it illegal to wiggle while dancing.

In Utah, daylight must be visible between dancing couples.

In Michigan, it is against the law for a lady to lift her skirt more than 6 inches while walking through a mud puddle.

In North Carolina, it is against the law for a rabbit to race down the street.



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LH: The enduring power of the Word!...I hope you will not take offence. We will be displaying a flag at the Dominion Hotel on April 27th. You are in the centre, wearing a crown of thorns."

JM: An American Prayer...an album The Doors released after my death. Worth a listen.

LH: How would you feel if someone

chose you as their poet?

JM: Gratified.

The Dead Poets Competition will take place at The Dominion Hotel, 111 Main Street, Minden, Friday April 27th, 8pm. Only 13 poets will be featured so be sure to sign up soon. Contact lea.harper@sympatico.ca for further information.

Crazy But True Law Suits

LAWYER IN TRAINING

As part of his course work at Memphis (Mich.) High School, Brian Delekta, 18, worked in his mother's law office as a paralegal. The "work experience" class was even graded. His mother, attorney Diane Delekta, said the school provided a "checklist" of things it required, and Brian accomplished those requirements.

He performed the same tasks he would do if he were a paralegal in a law office, she said. "He prepared documents, met with clients." As his supervisor, it was up to her to give him a grade in the class. She gave him an A+.

Since the highest grade the school ever records is an A, that's what it put on his report card. When Brian protested, the Memphis School Board considered changing its grading system so it could record A+ grades. The board decided against making such a change.

That, Brian figures, endangered his chances of being named class valedictorian, so with his mother's help, he filed a lawsuit against the St. Clair County Intermediate School District, all seven members of the school board, the school superintendent, and the high school's principal, demanding that the court order the school to increase his grade to an A+.

In addition, it seeks a restraining order on class rankings until the school takes into account his higher grade. Oh, and \$25,000 in cash too, please.

"I heard ahead of time [that the threat of a lawsuit] was out there, but to worry about that would be wrong," said school board President Harold Burns. "I felt I did what was right for the citizens of Memphis" in voting against changing the grade system. The possibility of a restraining order against the school releasing grade rankings poses a

real problem for others, he says: students who need to know their class rank won't be able to apply for college scholarships until the court vacates the restraining order.

Clearly, Brian learned a lot while working at the law office, such as invoking hardball ploys like inconveniencing innocent third parties as a leveraging tactic. But St. Clair County Judge Daniel

Kelly denied the motion for a restraining order, leaving the school free to issue class rankings. It named another student valedictorian, and Brian was named second in his class. The other aspects of the suit are apparently still pending.



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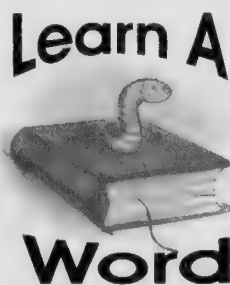
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In family law, there are two kinds of relationships which create legal rights and obligations between spouses, married relationships and common law relationships. In order for such rights and obligations to arise between common law spouses, the spouses must have been cohabitating continuously for a period of three years, or the spouses will be considered to be in a common law relationship if they are in a relationship of some permanence as the natural or adoptive parents of a child.

Married spouses and common law spouses have the same rights and obligations with respect to financial support if the relationship breaks down. However, that is not the case with respect to property, such as the house that they may be living in. Under *The Family Law Act*, only married spouses may apply to the court for an equal division of the property they may own, such as the matrimonial home. The intention of the Act is that the value of all assets acquired by either or both spouses by virtue of the marriage relationship be shared equally upon marriage breakdown. The Act does not address this issue as between common law spouses.

This does not mean that the common law spouses have no rights or obligations with respect to property once their relationship breaks down. The courts have utilized general law doctrines called equitable doctrines, or fairness doctrines, to try to achieve a just result between common law spouses. For example, if the male spouse owns farm land where they live but both common law spouses partake in the farm chores to maintain the farm business and operation, a court may apply equitable doctrines to give the female spouse some percentage of the farm based on her working contribution once the relationship breaks down. As well, if she made a financial contribution to the farm, that may also be taken into account. Common law spouse may wish to consider entering into a domestic contract to clarify their relationship with respect to property.

In the next column, I will be talking about constitutional law.



Sisyphian

\si-se-fe-en\adj: of, relating to or suggestive of the labors of Sisyphus; specifically: requiring continual and often ineffective effort.

No one works at the Happy Burger for very long, so it's a Sisyphian task for the manager just to keep the place adequately staffed.

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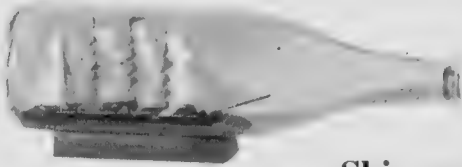
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What's The Difference Between a Ship and a Boat? ... or a Hill and a Mountain for that matter...?

Well, we could get technical, I suppose. Among sailing vessels, the distinction between ships and boats is that a ship is a square-rigged craft with at least three masts, and a boat isn't. With regard to motorized craft, a ship is a large vessel intended for oceangoing or at least deep-water transport, and a boat is anything else.

But that's too much to remember. Try this: ships have to be big enough to carry boats, and boats have to be small enough to be carried by ships.

There are exceptions, of course. Many commercial fishing craft, for example, are sizable oceangoing vessels, yet they're almost invariably called boats. Similarly for submarines, built by General Dynamics' Electric Boat Division. The Great Lakes are pretty deep, and one sees certain large vessels on them that to all appearances are ships, but in fact said vessels are commonly called ore boats. However, these exceptions mar the classic purity of the answer above, so we'll pay them no mind.

Another question in the same vein, which we may as well get out of the way now that we've got the blood pumping, is: what's the difference between a hill and a mountain? We initially looked in the 1969 Random House unabridged and learned that a hill is "a natural

Have You Ever Wondered Why is it that...



elevation of the earth's surface, smaller than a mountain," while a mountain is "a natural elevation of the earth's surface

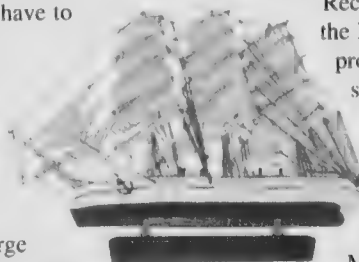
rising more or less abruptly to a summit, and attaining an altitude greater than that of a hill." In other words, a hill is smaller than a mountain and a mountain is taller (and steeper) than a hill. Big freaking help.

Recognizing the inadequacy of the foregoing, the editors of the Random House dictionary took another stab at the problem in their second edition (1987). Hill stays the same, but a mountain is now a natural elevation, etc., "attaining an altitude greater than 2,000 feet."

This is a commendable attempt at precision, but it runs into trouble on the very next page, where we find a list of "Notable Mountain Peaks of the World." Mount Carmel, Israel, checks in at a paltry 1818 feet. Many of the so-called mountains in the Ozarks are

similarly stunted.

Perhaps we should say that anything over 2,000 feet is automatically a mountain, but peaks under 2,000 feet may qualify if they (1) are steep, (2) have rocky sides, or (3) have the word "Mount" in their names. Of course, this doesn't help us out with the Black Hills of South Dakota, which reach a height of 4,000 feet above the surrounding country but don't qualify for an upgrade in nomenclature.



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Second Annual Minden Ducks Unlimited Dinner Set For May 4

by Jerry Grozelle

The second annual Minden Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) Dinner and Auction will be held on Friday, May 4 at the Minden Community Centre. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be at 7 p.m. Supporters are advised to come early to review the merchandise that is available, place bids on some of the silent auction items and stock up on raffle tickets.

The inaugural Ducks Unlimited event in Minden in May of last year was a huge success, raising more than \$16,000 for wetland habitat conservation and enhancement.

The Minden DUC Dinner/Auction will feature a variety of limited edition Ducks Unlimited merchandise that is only available at these events as well as numerous products and services which have been donated by local businesses and individuals. Those items will be available through a live auction, silent auction, or as raffles or door prizes.

Since 1938, Ducks Unlimited Canada has conserved and/or enhanced nearly 25 million acres of wetland across the country, providing breeding grounds and habitat for millions of waterfowl, songbirds, fish, amphibians and mammals.

Wetlands are nature's purifying filters and in many cases protect homes, cottages and businesses along watercourses from flooding by providing reservoirs for runoff.

Tickets for the second annual Minden Ducks Unlimited Canada Dinner and auction are \$40 per person, which includes membership to Ducks Unlimited Canada. More information or tickets are available from Brian Hamilton at 286-2188, Matt Hamilton 286-1270, John Thomas 286-1075, Bill Kulas 286-2911 or Jerry Grozelle 454-0249.

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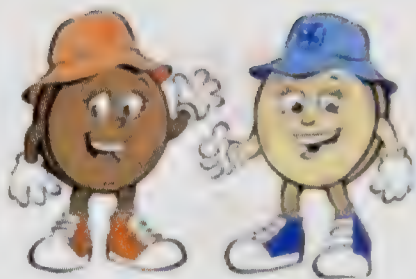
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Girl Guide cookies have been a Canadian tradition for more than 75 years. Proceeds from the cookie sales provide

essential funds to sustain and create Guiding activities that challenge over 147,000 Canadian girls and women to reach for their potential. Guiding provides opportunities for fun, friendships, and new adventures for thousands of girls and young women. In addition to providing vital funding to deliver programs in local communities, cookie sales also teach girls about planning, goal-setting, business, and marketing.

"Girl Guide cookies are the largest source of funding to our organization. Buying Girl Guide cookies supports local girls and women and is a great way to help ensure a strong future of Guiding in our community," says Woodland Commissioner Liz Prashad.

The cookies are produced in a nut-free/peanut-free bakery and packaging is 100% recyclable.

With over 147,000 members, Girl Guides of Canada is the largest organization for girls and women in the country and is part of the largest network of females in the world. From sports, science, and camping to crafts, community projects, and international travel, there is something for everyone. Please call 324-6387 for more information.

For further information, please contact: Christine Prashad, Public Relations - Girl Guides of Canada, Woodland Division, 705-324-6387 - cprashad@yahoo.com

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The Phantom Of The Opera Is Here! Well not yet, but it is coming back to Toronto for a limited engagement, and your chance to be part of a group coach trip is here. Community Care Haliburton County is hosting the bus trip on May 9th to the Prince of Wales Theatre.

The tour leaves from Haliburton at 8:30 am and from Minden at 9:00 am. The trip includes highway coach transportation, dinner, theatre tickets, taxes and gratuities. The bus will also stop at the Pickering Town Centre for lunch (not included in the price). The total cost of the trip is only \$165 per ticket (a real bargain!). For more details or to book your seat call Community Care at 457-2941. Don't miss out. This could be your last chance to see the Phantom of The Opera live on stage!



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New Business

Introducing ...

By Stephen Patrick

Janice Bishop, founder and owner of All-Season Cottage Rentals Inc., has a very clear idea of exactly where she wants to business to go. "From the beginning I wanted to build my business at a natural pace and not try to force its growth. I did substantial research into the cottage rental business before we started up and I deliberately wanted to start off slowly, and patiently."

Janice was no stranger to Haliburton, or to the hospitality industry. In fact she'd already had a successful career in the 1980s running a marketing and advertising company that represented many prominent Haliburton resorts when she moved here permanently in 1992. And her husband, J.D. Bishop, is an active partner in the management and operation of Sir Sam's Ski Area.

"Once my research was done I was pretty certain there was room for a small cottage rental company serving the higher end of the market that delivered great customer service and a painless rental experience for owners as well as for rental clients. I started out in 2000 with just a few cottages, and relied a great deal initially on word of mouth, and some great co-operation from local real estate agents."

And she also realized that to be successful meant involving herself in every aspect of the business. She even took a week-long website design course at Fleming College to enable her to create and customize her website at will. "The Internet has changed completely the way we reach our customers and market our product. And you have to have a successful site, for sure."

From those small beginnings just seven years ago, All-Season Cottage Rentals has grown into a premier business offering over

All-Season Cottage Rental

60 cottages in both winter and summer. "I've been determined to keep to my initial vision of the kind of cottages and clients we would serve – and we've certainly found our niche. In fact, I have to turn down a lot of properties. Our clients want the bells and whistles, certainly, the satellite dish, DVD player, hot tubs and so on. And the market is changing rapidly. Some of our owners have bought their cottages specifically as summer rental properties, for example, and use them for themselves only in the off season. The bottom line is that cottages have to be efficient, well-designed, well-furnished, spotless, and with appliances and water systems that work."

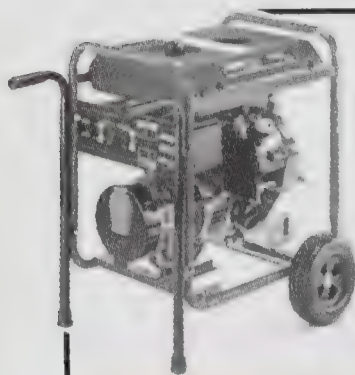


All-Season Cottage Rentals offers properties with summer weekly rentals from about \$1000 to \$3900, for which you certainly get more than a cabin in the woods. "We understand that detail in this business is everything. You can't leave anything to chance. There are precise rules and instructions for each property, for example, so that there are no surprises for either the owner or the tenant. And it's a delicate balance – if a tenant doesn't understand the basics of garbage storage

and disposal in the country, for example, there's every chance that the owner won't rent again."

Janice's company is a member of the Travel Industry Council of Ontario (TICO) which acts a kind of regulatory body. There are strict guidelines for the handling of deposits, for example, to ensure renter's can have full confidence in the process. And for the cottage owner Janice guarantees to market the property, handle all inquiries, screen prospective renters, and collect full rental payments and security deposits in advance. And all for just a reasonable percentage of the rent, and with no administration fee.

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All Season Cottage Rental cont'd...



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This summer Janice expects to be able to offer over 70 cottages to her ever-expanding group of rental clients. "And just recently I was approached by a British travel company that specializes in world-wide villa rentals to see if we could work together - which was a real compliment." Janice also produces an excellent newsletter annually that keeps both her renters and

owners right up to date. And her website continues to be ranked very high: for 'haliburton, ontario cottage rentals' it's No 1 on all three major search engines (yahoo, google, msn).

To contact Janice Bishop and All-Season Cottage Rentals please call 705 754-1506, or by email at cottages@sympatico.ca, or check out their website at www.haliburtoncottages.com.



"You've Gotta Have Art"

A Gala to Honour the Arts in the Haliburton Highlands

"You've Gotta Have Art", a spectacular celebration of the arts in the Haliburton Highlands is scheduled for the evening of Friday, May 4. This 'red carpet' event hosted by the Arts Council - Haliburton Highlands will honour the outstanding contributions of individuals and groups who make and have made the Haliburton Highlands such a strong arts community. "The arts have a tremendous impact," explains Jim Blake of the Arts Council - Haliburton Highlands. "The activities of hundreds of artists, performing arts groups, arts businesses and organizations and the Haliburton School of The Arts attract thousands of visitors to the county each year, make a significant contribution to the economy and enhance the vibrancy of our community. The incredible variety of opportunities to enjoy and be involved in creative activity make Haliburton County a wonderful place to live and a unique place to visit."

The 300 members of the Arts Council are currently making nominations for an individual or group in five different categories including: Artist of Distinction, Emerging Artist, Youth Artist, Supporter/Administrator and Founder to be honoured at the gala. The Arts Council recognizes artists involved in creative activity in any arts discipline (performing arts, dance, music, theatre, visual arts, craft, media and design arts, literary arts, multidisciplinary arts and arts that defy description). Members and non-members may be nominated. All nominees will receive a certificate of recognition for their contribution to the community. One outstanding individual or group in each category will be celebrated at the Gala and will receive, a hand-crafted, art piece created by a local artist.

"You've Gotta Have Art" will be an evening to remember. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Gala runs from 7:30 pm to 11:00 pm. It starts with a reception with sweet and savoury canapés created by the Old Country House Restaurant followed by the presentation of the honours punctuated with a wonderful array of performances featuring local artists. Actor and comedienne Brigitte Gall will host the evening. The celebration of the honourees will be capped off with a dance to live music. Space is limited so we encourage you to book your tickets early. Tickets are \$25 per person. Call 705-457-3555 to reserve your tickets.

Business supporters of the Arts Council, including Patient News Publishing, UpnorthWebs, Parker Pad and Printing and the Old Country House have come on board as sponsors of this event. "We are thrilled to be a sponsor," commented Karen Galley, President of Publish News Publishing. "The contribution of the arts to our community is a good news story and we are pleased to be involved in this exciting and worthwhile event to recognize and celebrate of the arts in Haliburton County."

The Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands was formed in 2003 with the mandate to provide a strong voice for the arts in Haliburton County; to serve as a catalyst for community economic development through the arts; and to contribute to the vibrancy of the arts and community life. In four short years the Arts Council has attracted a membership of 140 artists and 160 organizations, businesses and supporters—growing into one of Ontario's largest community arts councils. The Arts Council is engaged in a wide range of activities including publishing an annual arts directory, distributing monthly listings of arts, culture and heritage activities, running an artists-in-the-schools program linking local artists with local schools, offering professional development workshops and holding events to connect people working in all sectors of the arts.

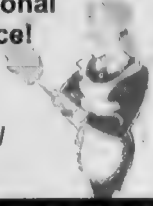


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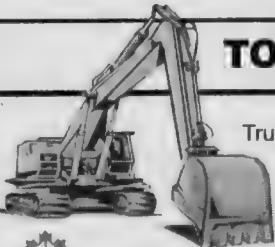
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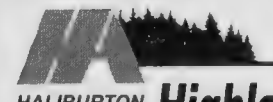
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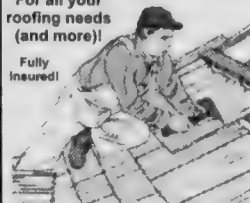
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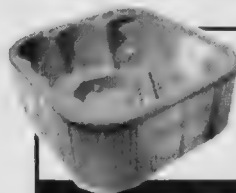
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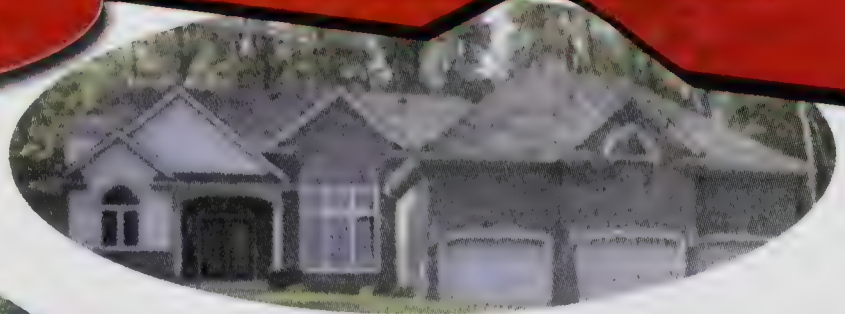


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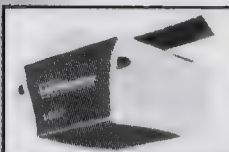
Applications are available at the Legions in Haliburton, Kinmount, Minden and Wilberforce or the bowling alleys in Minden and Carnarvon or the Senior Centre in Cardiff.

For more information about the times and cost, please call Robert McIvor at 754-9747 or email: abmcivor@sympatico.ca

The following is a list of the events – the dates they are being held and the locations. Call now to get your name on the list and become part of the 2007 Senior Spring Games!!! They are a blast!!!

Game	Date	Location
Euchre	May 8	Haliburton Legion
Bowling	May 9	Carnarvon Lanes
Crokinole	May 10	West Guilford
Prediction Walking	May 14	Haliburton Docks
Cribbage	May 17	Kinmount Legion
Carpet Bowling	May 23	Cardiff Senior Centre
Bid Euchre	May 24	Kinmount Legion
Swimming	May 28	Wig-A-Mog
Darts	May 30	Kinmount Legion
Bid Euchre	May 31	Cardiff Senior Centre
Snooker	June 4	Haliburton Legion
Duplicate & Contract Bridge	June 5	Stanhope
9 Ball	June 7	Haliburton Legion
Horseshoes	June 11	Gooderham
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Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

Mark Hofmann was born into a religious Mormon family in Salt Lake City, Utah.

In 1973, he graduated from Olympus high school and, as is the custom in his faith, left home for two years of missionary work. Mark served his mission in Portsmouth, England, and it was here that he became interested in old books and documents pertaining to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

In 1976, Mark, having completed his mission, returned to the U.S. and entered Utah State University. While at university, he delved deeply into the history of his religion.

Mark wed Dori Olds on Sept. 14, 1979. Dori dropped out of school to support her husband, who was pursuing a medical career. Mark contributed a few dollars from the sale of old Mormon coins and documents.

About a year later, Mark purported to find an ancient document in an old 17th-century Cambridge bible. It was signed by Joseph Smith and contained hieroglyphics, which Smith said he had copied from the Golden Plates of the Book of Mormon.

Mark took it to the church archives department where the discovery caused quite a stir. After testing by experts, the document was deemed to be authentic.

Mark became the darling of the collection world. He gave lectures, granted interviews and received wide acclaim as the man who found what became known as the Anthon Transcript.

Mark gave up his studies to devote full time to tracing, trading and selling valuable documents pertaining to the Mormon faith, as well as other original material.

By 1981, Mark had a wide reputation as a tracer of extremely rare documents.

Mormon Text Collector was the Salt Lake Bomber

Some individual sales to the church brought as much as \$52,000. To finance his purchases, he often borrowed heavily. When the sales went through, everything came up roses. When there were delays or if the deals went sour, he often had difficulty meeting his obligations. Over and above his business debts, Mark and his wife lived well. On the surface, money didn't seem to be a problem.

In 1983, Mark Hofmann consummated the biggest deal of his career.

He had in his possession a letter written by Martin Harris. The letter contained the startling information that, in 1823, when Joseph Smith found the Golden Plates on which the Book of Mormon is said to be transcribed, he came upon a salamander that turned itself into a spirit.

The discovery of the Salamander Letter caused great controversy among church leaders, as it differed from official Mormon theology, which held that Smith had received the tablets from the Angel of God. Harris's signature on the letter was believed to be the only one in existence.

Steven Christensen and his associate, Gary Sheets, owned a real estate firm. Devout Mormons, they became deeply involved in authenticating the letter which went to the heart of the Mormon religion.

\$45,000 FOR THE LETTER

In time, Christensen purchased the Salamander Letter from Mark for \$45,000. On April 12, 1985, he donated it to the church.

Meanwhile, Mark wheeled and dealt, often in partnership with investors. He bought letters written by Daniel Boone, describing his trek into Kentucky. On several occasions, Mark paid off his investors with large profits.

Mark slowly got in deeper and deeper. Deals had gone sour. The partnership of Christensen and Sheets also suffered from poor investments. Mark picked this time to leak the story that he had located a group of documents called the McLellin Collection. These ancient documents were hot. They cast doubt on basic church doctrine. Steve Christensen, acting for the church, would purchase the documents from Mark on behalf of investors who would donate the controversial documents to the church.

Mark needed cash. He had a large amount of money invested in documents and had just purchased a \$650,000 home. At wit's end, he contacted Hugh Pinnock, a Mormon, high church official and a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Utah. Mark managed to borrow \$185,000, giving the promise that the McLellin letters would be given over to the bank for collateral. All this came to the attention of Christensen, who was owed \$100,000 by Mark and who had been promised the valuable collection.

Try as he might, Christensen couldn't contact Mark. He even parked outside his home for a few nights, without results. Payments on Mark's home came due, as well as payments on the bank loan from Pinnock.

Around 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 1985, Mark walked up to Steve's office. He was carrying a parcel and passed Bruce Passey, an employee in the same building.

Bruce noticed that Mark's parcel was addressed to Steve Christensen. Mark proceeded to Steve's office, which wasn't open.

He left the parcel outside the door.

A few minutes later, Steve Christensen arrived at his office. He picked up the parcel. The building shook with the explosion.

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It blew away half his chest and killed him instantly.

Detectives found thousands of nails in the vicinity of the Salt Lake City businessman's body.

Gary Sheets's wife, Kathleen, 50, had already completed her banking and was driving up her driveway at about 9:30 a.m. when she observed a cardboard box beside her garage. After parking her car in the garage, she picked up the box addressed to Mr. Gary Sheets.

BOMB EXPLODED

The motion sensitive bomb exploded, killing Kathleen instantly. Neighbours heard the noise and peered out windows.

When they observed leaves flying in all directions, they assumed a tree had been felled. Kathleen's body was found by a friend an hour later.

No one could remember anyone ever being killed by a bomb in Salt Lake City. Now, two victims in under two hours - unbelievable.

Initially, police interviewed everyone who may have seen the man who took the box to Steve's office. They came up with Bruce Passey. Bruce was able to describe the man - medium height and build, moustache, wearing a green Olympus High School track team jacket with the letter missing. That night, several friends jokingly thought that Mark Hofmann fit the description to a "T." He often wore his old high school jacket with the ripped off athletic letter. All dismissed the idea as being ridiculous.

The next day, Wednesday, the main topic of discussion in Utah was the Salt Lake City bombings. It was arranged that Mark Hofmann would turn over the McLellan Collection to church officials that afternoon. They were assured that the two bombings, tragic though they were, were in no way connected with the controversial documents. Mark never showed up.

At precisely 2:41 p.m., a bomb went off as Mark entered his Toyota. Tossed into the street, he was severely injured in the chest, head and legs. Near death, he was questioned in the hospital. He told detectives that when he opened his car door, a box had fallen onto the floor. He could tell them little more.

The focus of the entire bombing investigation now pointed to a connection with the buying and selling of historically valuable documents.

Soon, Mark's precarious financial position was known to police. Bank and church officials informed police of the impending delivery of the valuable McLellan Collection to the church by Mark Hofmann.

Bruce Passey identified Mark as the man who had placed the package outside Steve Christensen's office. Police located a friend of Mark's who had purchased blasting caps for him. Mark, who was recovering in hospital, became the prime suspect in the murders of Steve Christensen and Kathleen Sheets. Still, authorities didn't feel they had enough to prosecute.

On Oct. 31, Mark was released from hospital. By the end of the year, experts revealed that the Salamander Letter, his springboard to a new career, was now thought to be a fake. Mark was taken into custody and charged with double murder as well as 27 charges of fraud and forgery concerning phoney documents.

On Jan. 7, 1987, prosecution and defence lawyers met. A deal was struck. Mark pleaded guilty to two counts of second-degree murder and to a theft-by-deception count concerning the sale of the Salamander Letter. In return, all other fraud charges against Mark were dropped.

BARGAIN STRUCK

In addition, the charge concerning the Sheets' murder would be reduced to manslaughter if Mark revealed all details requested by authorities. Mark agreed.

He told how he made the bombs. Mark confessed that he killed Steve Christensen so that the McLellan deal would not be finalized. He had meant the second bomb for Gary Sheets so that authorities would believe the killings were connected to real estate business transactions, rather than his phoney documents.

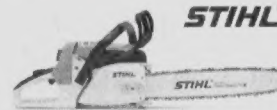
He had attempted to kill himself when he became depressed over what he had done and was sure he would be apprehended. He wanted to spare his family.

Mark Hofmann was sentenced to life imprisonment in Utah State Prison with the recommendation by the presiding judge that he spend the rest of his life in custody.

Photos: Victims of Mark Hofmann's bombings included Gary Sheets, and Steve Christensen.



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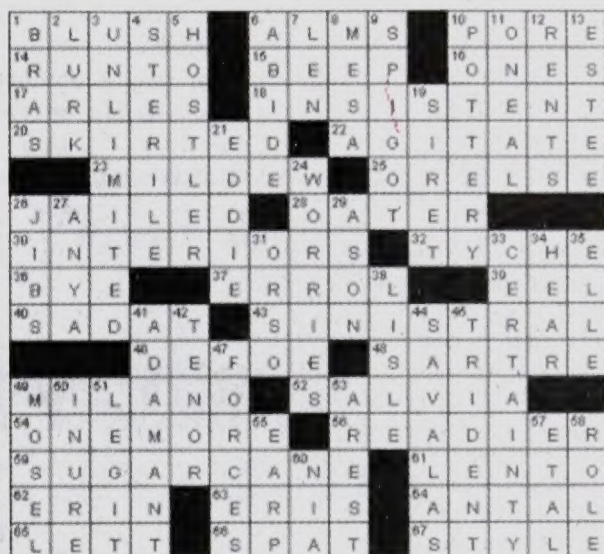
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